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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. A copy of each document so listed is enclosed.

WO 97/07467
WO 97/32439

The foregoing documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application from which the subject application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119, namely Japan 9-267366. A copy of a Japanese Office Action will be forwarded to the Examiner shortly.

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Inasmuch as this application has not yet received a first Office Action on the merits of the CPA filed concurrently herewith, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of the Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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